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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Noboru YAMANAKA

Group Art Unit: 2652

Application No.: 10/667,337

Examiner: A. CAO

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For: THIN FILM MAGNETIC HEAD, MAGNETIC HEAD DEVICE AND MAGNETIC  
RECORDING/REPRODUCING DEVICE

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In reply to the March 21, 2005 Office Action, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-16 are pending in this application. The Office Action rejects claims 1, 3, 5-8 and 11-16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent 6,624,971 to Sasaki in view of U.S. Patent 6,791,795 to Ohtomo et al.; and U.S. Patent 6,069,775 to Chang et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action admits that Sasaki and Ohtomo do not disclose or suggest the relation of  $ND1 \geq 4WG$ , but asserts that Chang discloses this feature. However, one of ordinary skill in the art would not have been motivated to combine Chang with Sasaki and Ohtomo.